

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9, 1889.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent, United States Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 1st instant, enclosing copy of a letter from the Honorable Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, and also a letter from the Law Department of the City of Philadelphia, of same date, in reference to receding in re-building the United States Mint, five feet from the building line.

In response thereto you are advised that the Act of Assembly of Pennsylvania of 1870, and a subsequent City ordinance increased the width of Chestnut Street to sixty feet, but the Act provides that it shall not interfere with existing buildings. As it is not the intention of the Department to tear down and re-build the United States Mint building, but simply to extend it by adding another story and additions thereto, the operation of the City ordinance cannot be applied to the steps of the building, which it never was intended to change, and which if changed would greatly interfere with the proper approaches to, and appearance of the building. In the erection of the two ter-

- races on each side of the entrance steps, the line established by the City Councils will be observed.

You are requested to communicate with the Honorable Mayor of Philadelphia, and inform him of this action of the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Hugh S. Thompson

Acting Secretary.

Frank C. May

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